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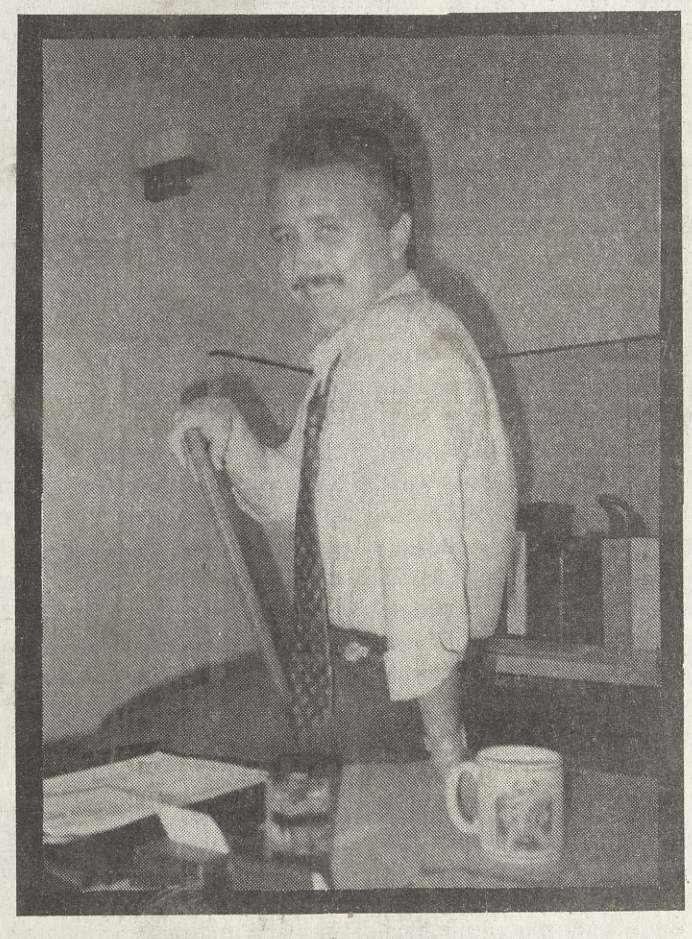

IN MY OPINION

by Mel Dahl

Policymakers tend to divide people into two groups: white people (those of power) and people of color (the powerless). Gay people, whose color is lavender, are still people of color. The needs of those who are not in power make way for the needs, wishes or even whims of the people who are. That, in a nutshell, is the message of Camille Bell.

Bell, a nationally known human rights activist from Atlanta, was in Sacramento recently for an Amnesty International function. She also spoke at River City Metropolitan Community Church, where she talked about her opposition to the death penalty, and her experiences as a mother whose young son was one of the children murdered in Atlanta ten years ago. Bell said that even though several children had been murdered--her own son was "strangled and thrown away"--the City of Atlanta did not take any action until forced to do so by the national media. Black children were not considered important.

Bell sees a number of parallels between the Atlanta children who were murdered and the current AIDS epidemic in the gay and Black communities. Gay people, like Black people, have traditionally not been considered important by policymakers. Therefore, when a crisis hit, it took a major effort to make policymakers even notice that a crisis had arrived. (Former Secretary of Health and Human Services Margaret Heckler perhaps said it best when she said it was imperative to stop AIDS before it spread to heterosexuals.)

Camille Bell believes it is possible that the government, either accidentally or deliberately, may have had a hand in the creation of the AIDS virus. We know that during World War II the federal government was conducting a number of experiments with virus mutation to be used in germ warfare, and it is possible that some of these mutated viruses may have escaped. Notably, many of these studies were conducted in Central Africa, where the AIDS virus is believed to have originated, again because the policymakers determined that if something did go wrong they would prefer it to go wrong in Central Africa where it would only harm people not considered important.

In any case, whether or not AIDS was produced by government scientists, Bell pointed out that the response from the federal government when the disease first appeared was a classic these-people-are-not-important response. Unlike Legionnaires' Disease, and unlike the tainted Tylenol, each of which affected miniscule numbers of people by comparison, and each of which instantly generated huge amounts of resources from those in charge, nobody seemed to care that gay people and Haitians were dying of something mysterious. Nobody cared that IV drug users were dying of something mysterious. Nobody cared that Blacks were dying of something mysterious. It was only when the point was finally made that there was a real risk of this disease spreading to white, middle America that some progress began to be made.

In the case of the children murdered in Atlanta, a similar attitude was displayed by those in power. Bell organized the parents of the children who had been killed into a task force and called on the mayor and the police commissioner. The mayor was too busy to see them; the police commissioner did give them a few moments of his time. They were told that even though the dozen children murdered at that point had all been gifted Black children of about the same age, and had been killed under similar circumstances, authorities failed to see a pattern and no extraordinary measures would be taken by

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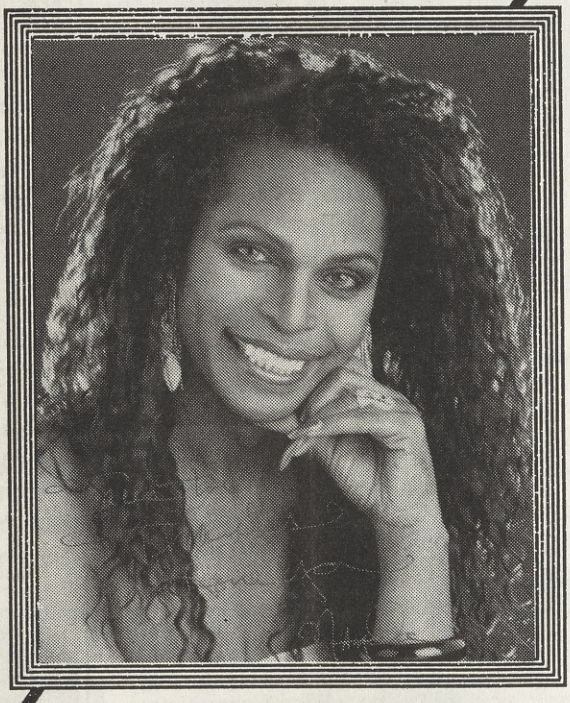

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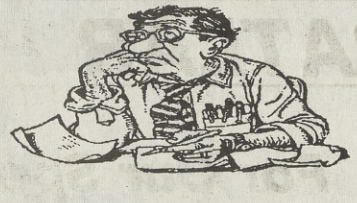
the police. Shortly thereafter, a bomb exploded in a day-care center for Black children. CBS news covered this event, and was told by neighbors, "The bomb was probably set by the same people who murdered those 12 kids." CBS responded, "What 12 kids?" Suddenly, it was national news that a dozen Black children had been murdered in Atlanta, the Vice President of the United States paid a personal visit, and within days an arrest had been made.

The man arrested, Wayne Williams, happened to be both Black and homosexual. He was actually not arrested for the murders of the 12 children, but for the murders of two adults. He was tried and convicted of those two murders, sentenced to death, and later had the sentence reduced to life in prison. Neither he nor anyone else was ever formally charged with the murders of the children. There is a legitimate factual dispute as to whether he killed the two adults--there is evidence in both directions. There is, however, no legitimate factual dispute at all as to whether he killed the children. The Georgia Bureau of Investigation admitted to Williams' attorney that the GBI had tapped the telephones of two members of the KKK and had a tape of one of them bragging to the other about killing "the nigra brats." For reasons best known to itself, the GBI has never elected to follow up on that lead. It considers the case closed, and publicly takes the position that Williams is the killer.

Bell told me that none of the parents of the murdered children believes that Williams is guilty. She believes that it was a deliberate frame-up to placate the national news media, and that the man who killed her son is still at large. She believes that there are two morals to this tragedy: first, it was allowed to happen because the people didn't help each other out and look out for one another. And second, it was allowed to happen because those in power failed to see the victims as being people of importance. ▼



LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

Just wanted to drop a note to you on how much I enjoy reading PATLAR and especially reading Douglas N. Lewis' column. In his column he writes frankly and honestly on dealing with HIV in his own life. Many of us can relate and it is refreshing to hear others showing courage in the midst of The Nightmare. Many of us in the community are struggling to cope with HIV while some are tired of having AIDS. It's good to know that PATLAR recognizes the importance of Douglas Lewis' column. PATLAR is setting a good example of a community united. Keep up the good work.

Arturo C. Jackson ▼

HOROSCOPES

by Dr. Pat Larr

SCORPIO (Oct 23-Nov 21): You meet a certain someone who makes a quickie last all day. Are you man enough? Sure!

SAGITTARIUS (Nov 22-Dec 21): Some special clothing puts out some extra power in your love life. You'll look lovely by moonlight. And you've got the moon for it.

CAPRICORN (Dec 22-Jan 19): Better days ahead. The holidays may prove tough this year, but the new year brings a new you.

AQUARIUS (Jan 20-Feb 18): He's younger than you, but he's criminally cute. What to do? The Stars say: GO FOR IT! This may last. Maybe it won't.

PISCES (Feb 19-Mar 20): An all-night affair puts a smile on your face and a melody in your heart. Enjoy!

ARIES (Mar 21-Apr 19): Watch those car keys this month. That special someone isn't as sober minded as he looks. You wouldn't want any dents in your relationship now would you?

TAURUS (Apr 20-May 20): A chest you want to dive into comes swimming up to you from across a crowded room. Dive in. The water's fine.

GEMINI (May 21-Jun 20): Yes, it's turkey time and it's your turn to get your fair share of them. Come turkey day, heads will roll!

CANCER (Jun 21-Jul 22): That special someone longs to gobble you up. Hasn't he been in the dog house long enough?

LEO (Jul 23-Aug 22): A special someone teaches you new lessons in love. And you thought you knew everything! Ha!

VIRGO (Aug 23-Sep 22): A mysterious stranger longs to pat your pumpkin. It won't hurt too much--especially if you play safe.

LIBRA (Sep 23-Oct 22): Beware of a handsome stranger bearing gifts. You may get more than you bargained for.

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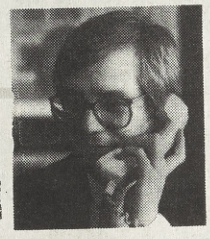

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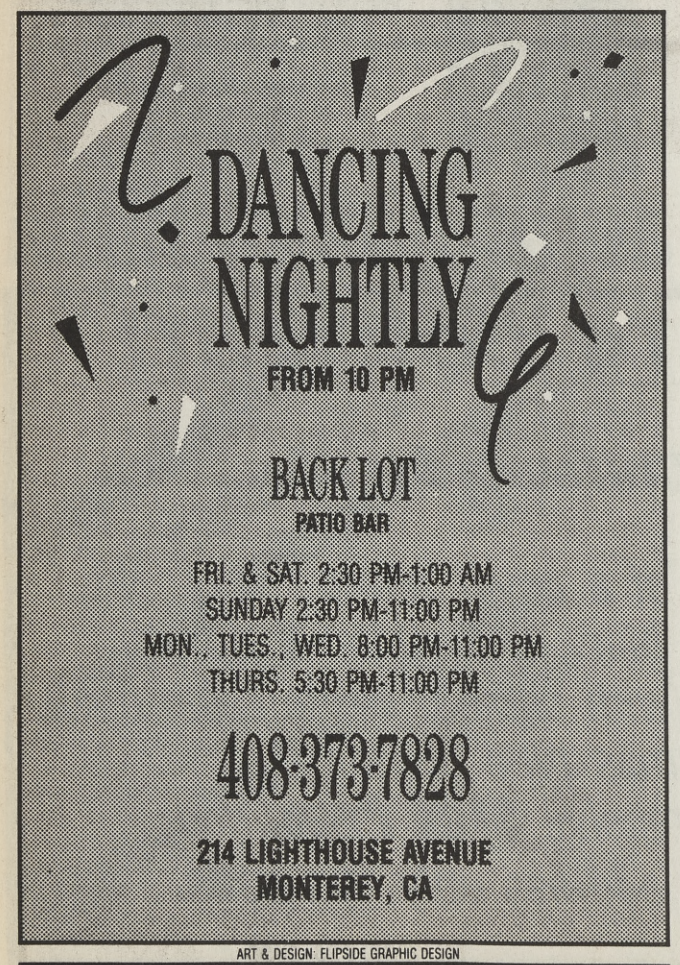

RALPH
and there is more...

I'm going to do something with this column that I have not done before; I am going to cheat just a bit and give you here something that I have submitted elsewhere for publication. And that needs a bit of explanation.

For some years I have been corresponding with a prisoner in Florida who had developed a very heavy "rep" as a very bad guy. He has spent much of his time in solitary confinement. He has raged against the horrors of his incarceration, and did all he could do to make life difficult for the prison and the guards. And that has now changed! Several years ago I suggested that Mark go through the first eleven lessons of *A Course in Miracles* which I sent to him. Later, I arranged for him to have a copy "on scholarship," for I knew the Foundation for Inner Peace, which publishes the *Course* will do that for prisoners who are seriously interested.

Recently I received a copy of "Inner Journeys," a many-paged mimeographed publication of spiritual materials from Mark and from others, which he has managed to arrange having printed and mailed to thousands of people both in and out of prison. He has asked me for an article for use in the next issue, and what follows is modified only slightly from what I sent to him.

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I'm honored that Mark has asked me to contribute, for I stand in awe of Mark for all he has done--for himself and now for others--through his work. I deeply appreciate the fact that he credits me for bringing him to the discovery of *A Course in Miracles*, for that is the source, the instigator, the fuse that set off all that has happened in and from that prison cell in Starke in my old home state of Florida. So I choose to say a few words about the *Course* and some of the ways in which it has made incredible changes in my life as well as in Mark's and in the lives of so many others.

For those of you who may not have heard anything at all about this remarkable material, let me begin by pointing out that it came as a "voice" which was heard by Helen Schucman, born of Jewish parents, but a long-time skeptic/atheist--and even more, a college professor of psychology who even made fun of pioneer researcher, J.B. Rhine of Duke, by calling him "the kook from Duke!"

It was certainly disturbing indeed when she began to "hear a voice"--often thought to be a sign of approaching psychosis--and even worse that it said: "This is a course in miracles; take notes." Yet, with the also doubting but nonetheless supportive assistance of her department chairman, Bill Thetford, she began taking down in shorthand what the

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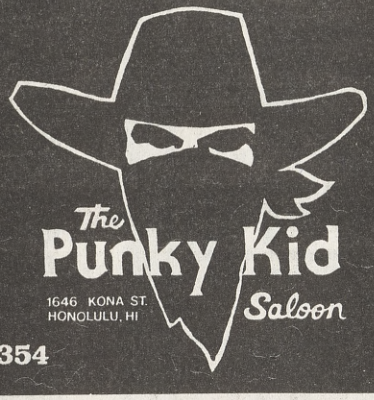

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RELATIONSHIPS

by D. Preston Dillon
Psychotherapist

In an earlier column we defined abuse as a cycle of behavior that diminishes self worth through intimidation and controlling behaviors such as verbal insult, devaluing, ridicule, persecution, aggression, assault, and battering. As a result the target individual feels defeated, depressed, scared, devalued, hurt, shamed, and beaten. The cycle of abuse is a form of distancing behavior and destroys trust, truth, and intimacy. The earlier column was written from the perspective of the partner exposed to abuse, but what is going on in the abuser is equally critical to our understanding and healing of the wounds of abuse.

The Abuser. While both parties may be participating in the process of abuse, one is usually identified as the abuser and the other as the victim. Although this may be very obvious in heterosexual relationships, in homosexual relationships the victim and the abuser may be so bound up in a web of provocation, self destruction, and retaliation that the abusive behaviors can be disguised and confusing to any outsider. Both abuser and victim are engaged in war. (Keep in mind that abuse can be damaging physically, sexually, emotionally, professionally, spiritually, financially, socially, and in any way one can be hurt.)

Type A abuser may be obvious from the physical power he or she uses to inflict physical wounds on the other. When they are experiencing rage, what comes up is the only way they have learned to express their frustration--through hitting, punching, or threats with weapons.

Type B abusers may have the same pent-up rage, but they express their frustration primarily through verbal abuse and manipulation that emotionally disables the target individual.

Type C abusers look more like stereotype victims, but their intention is to destroy the target through third-degree games. They set up dangerous situations where the target is threatened (i.e., exposure to military, the unaware family, threats to children, job security, suicide threats, financial ruin.)

Abusers are themselves wounded deeply. Wounds can be from early childhood neglect, abuse, intimidation, over criticism by parents, or by the child constantly being set up for failure in some way. They do not experience respect. In addition they have never learned or integrated the skills to communicate their feelings in a way that is respectful to others. In the past when they have expressed needs, they were frustrated by adult or peer provocation or humiliation.

The abuser usually has a history of either not having appropriate limits or being exposed to overly critical restraints. The child who has no limits will feel the overwhelm of their ego--left do do what they want through demanding behaviors (this child, although acting from power, is vulnerable to the world and lacks trust and operates from fear). The child who is hammered down by overrule may contain such resentment, rage, and hurt that they can no longer hold in such pain. Often an adult will not remember the childhood situations that began the imprisoned self. The adult may even defend and hold the parents in such a shining light that they are unable to see the way they were abused or neglected.

The abuser is a victim of alienation from social norms that define them as wrong or sinful in some way, of parental injunctions that shape the child into having a diminished sense of self. Abusers may spend the rest of their lives trying to prove themselves, running desperately to achieve in business, the professions, sports, politics, addictions, or sexual conquests. Or they may have given up and resigned themselves to less than they are capable of, constant working at dead-end jobs, relationships, attitudes, and resenting the successes of others. Never able to really escape the pain and humiliation they have experienced all their

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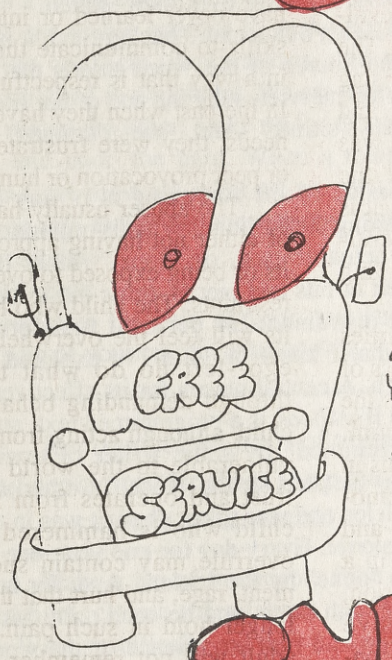

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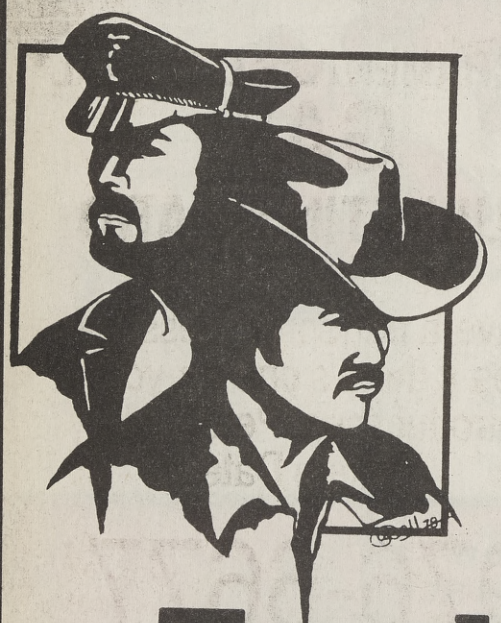

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"voice" said, and bringing it to the office each morning where Bill typed it out as she read from her notes. Every word they recorded was "heard," clearly and distinctly, "in her head" and was written down exactly as heard.

The end product was some twelve hundred pages of materials, separated into three volumes--*A Text*, a *Workbook for Students*, and a *Manual for Teachers*. For those interested in a record of this transmission and the other related mystical and even bizzare events that went with it, an account is given in *Journey Without Distance* by Robert Skutch.

In view of Helen Schucman's background, it is even more amazing that the Source of the Voice asserts that it is Jesus. Even Helen, in an interview near the end of her life, remarked that "I know that it's true." "And," she continued, "I still cannot believe it."

However, none of the foregoing is of any importance except as interesting background. What is important is that the *Course*, when actually used, or "done," rather than simply read, or sampled in bits and pieces, turns out to be the single most powerful instrument for personal transformation and enlightenment that I know of. And I've explored more than my share of such. A central reason for its effectiveness lies in the fact that the *Workbook* is a programmed text, and, I should add, not "programmed" by some writer of textbooks, but rather exactly as dictated by the Voice. In other words, as it came through Helen and was transcribed, it was in the form of programmed material. Every day for one year, one of the 365 lessons is to be "done" by the student. And, for anyone who will continue through these, and do each daily assignment, a whole new vision and new experience of the world slowly, but surely, emerges. I speak from personal experience and from the experience of all others whom I know who have done the *Course*. "It works," is the most mundane and yet precise meaning of that term. It effects significant "change" for anyone who does it. There is only one catch and that is that many who "try" the *Course* do not gain these profoundly valuable results, and the reason for that is quite simple: They begin--but do not complete--the *Course*. Some of the ideas set forth and the exercises you are asked to carry out seem a bit strange and certainly do conflict with your "ordinary" ideas of consciousness and the world. The instructions, of course, are: "Do them anyway." That is what "works!"

Might I then, gently and lovingly, suggest that you consider doing *A Course in Miracles*? If you will, and if you stick it out all the way to Lesson 365, you will undergo true transformation and a whole new life will open to you. What you can discover is an entirely new world, shining with love; what you will lose is your fear.

It's well worth the investment of one year of your time! And, in return for a long, stamped, self-addressed envelope, I'll send you those first eleven lessons which were the starting point for Mark. The chance for a new life awaits! My address is: Ralph H. Walker, PO Box 556, Sussex, NJ 07461.

Oh, by the way, Mark's address is: Mark C. DeFriest #073061, Florida State Prison, PO Box 747, Starke, FL 32091. ▼

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lives, they are a time bomb waiting to be provoked by the one person they believe will protect them with total unconditional love--their partner. But if their partner is also one who has been diminished and needy, the cycle begins that leads both into a hell that feels endless.

It is easy to see how the abuser is a victim. Wanting so much, feeling so frustrated and incompetent, having reached their threshold of tolerance and being unable to get their needs met, they explode their pain onto others.

The Purpose: Our repetitive behavior--placating or abusive--is a reenactment of what we experienced as children. It is our feeble attempt to make up for, and undo, some of the conflicts, deprivations, and yearnings that never got satisfied in childhood. We are trying to do it right this time, rescue the other, make up for the past, fix our life mistakes, and undo the pain. When a relationship is not working out, we must ask what we are reenacting from the past. If you can make the connections, you can begin to break the patterns.

The Process:

1. Recognize the pain of your past and separate this from the pain of your current relationship.

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A. Make a list of the people from your childhood (family, school, church, friendships) that you feel caused you pain. What specifically did they do and say that created this woundedness? You know you were abused if you feel crazy, sick, mad, sad, defensive, or fearful when you think of them.

B. How did their behavior make you feel (intimidated, stupid, abandoned, unlovable, inadequate, scared, untrusting, angry, pessimistic, bitter, alone)?

C. Now list your adult relationships and examine the patterns.

D. Do you act out any of these behaviors, or do you find partners who act them out?

2. You know when you have been insulted, injured, abandoned, belittled, or beaten. What were your reactions to the situations? Be specific. Trust your perceptions, memory, and experience. Notice the range of your defenses (fighting, indulging in vindictive behavior, running away, avoiding, blaming, hiding, getting sick, eating, ignoring others, hurting yourself, over achieving, being depressed). Do you do any of these now?

3. Finally, make a list of the ways you would like to have been treated as a child truly loved, respected and supported for whom you really were and what you needed in order to grow. Are there any of these ways that your partner can adopt now to build trust and intimacy with you? Are you willing to give your self-defeating, negative behaviors and substitute loving, respectful ways toward your partner?

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RAMBLINGS of NOTE

by Carl/Anne

Now that witches, warlocks, ghosts, goblins, monsters, favorite storybook characters, full-clad leather, and barely-clad hunks & dolls have come--and gone--with "All Hollow's Evening," we have been propelled into the Holiday Season! Tradition dictates that the official kick-off date is Thanksgiving Day. And rightly so! What better way to acknowledge the joy and promise of the season ahead than by acknowledging the joy and fulfilled promises of the year ending?

Thoughts of the "season" immediately bring to mind traditional, classic, and favorite songs--to some the melodies, to others the words--along with fond and cherished memories. But as we sat down to write this column, a not-so-seasonal song came to mind: "When I'm worried and cannot sleep, I count my blessings instead of sheep, and I fall asleep counting my blessings!"

As the melody faded away in our mind, a disturbing thought came to us: Having undergone several severe trials and tribulations in recent times, we could not find blessings to count! So we are turning to you. We would very much like to know the blessings you have received, personally and as part of the Gay Community. Send them to us c/o Patlar and we'll try to publish them in a future issue.

* * *

Our last column focused on fag bashing. More correctly, what we as individuals and as a community can and/or should do to combat this rapidly increasing social horror. Now we would like to take the next lines to examine the act itself, its perpetrators and the affect on the victims and our community. For the purpose of this column, we need to set a few (arbitrary) ground rules. For our argument, we have divided the "act" as well as the perpetrators into two distinct categories. The victims, unfortunately, remain just that: victims--nothing less.

The "act": 1. physical, 2. emotional. The "perpetrators": 1. Homophobes, 2. Family.

We have read too much about broken bones, bleeding gashes, the number of stitches required to put Humpty-Dumpty together again, and the permanent disfiguration.

(Please see *Ramblings* . . . Page Fourteen.)

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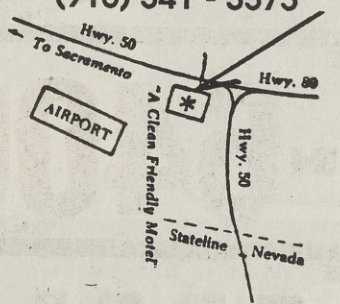

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(*Ramblings* . . . Continued from Twelve.)

Too many of us, young or old, have at one time or another lived through the horror or have had a close kinship to a victim. There is little or no sense in beating a dead horse. Too, too often have we heard of the "breeders" at whose hands these bodies and lives have been broken. Some of us are able to see past the pain, past the anger, past revenge to realize that it is because of their homophobic fears about their own sexuality that these living nightmares are repeated over and over and over again; and like that old song of the gay nineties, "(They) are more to be pitied than censured!"

But that is not what lies heavy on our mind., mind boggling and soul wracking as it is. Broken bones, cut flesh heal. It takes time, but bodies as often as not do mend. Even scar tissue diminishes.

What really gets to me is the other kind of fag bashing--the emotional one. And the fact that most of the time THAT kind of fag bashing is usually done by one of us, of the community, of the family.

We are not belittling the fact that the physical fag bashing is traumatic and carries emotional scaring that may never heal, but the other makes us want to curl up and wither away because it is done unto us by us. In ANNIE, when Annie asks Daddy Warbucks if he ". . . is the richest, most powerful man in the world, then way be so kind and considerate of everyone?" the reply is simple and straight forward: "Annie, it's perfectly all right to step on any and everyone on your way up--as long as you are damn sure you're not coming back down!"

Before we can hope for reform in the straight community, we feel it is necessary to look to our own healing. What do you think?

"Til next time, may the curtain go up on your most perfect day! ▼

FAUX PAS

by Ed E. Kett

Dear Eddie, Two lovers I know recently asked me to their home to enjoy their manly charms. Unfortunately, I have no interest in either party. How does a gentleman refuse such a generous and gracious offer? Always . . . Bo

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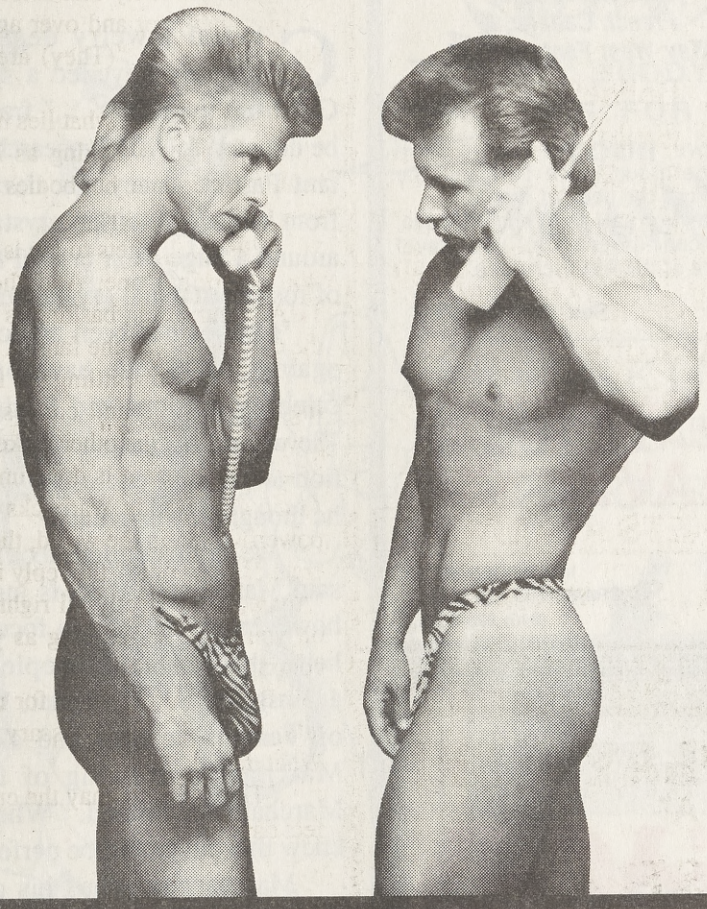

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"Charles has been an active supporter in the fight against AIDS. We have participated in numerous celebrity auctions and fundraisers," explained Lucey. "So when I suggested we design a piece for the collection to be used exclusively to raise money for AIDS, he thought it was great!"

"We brainstormed about the concept for awhile," said Marchant. "AIDS is just a devastating epidemic; however, we decided to focus the pin on the hope and heart that so many people have given in the fight against AIDS." With that, Lucey worked for months on various designs and sketches, before showing Marchant a drawing of the pin. "That was it," Marchant exclaimed. "When he showed it to me I knew this pin would be perfect."

Marchant searched his cache of crystals until he uncovered an abundant collection of Austrian crystal that would work well with the design. They introduced the pin to a few friends and clients and were overwhelmed by the response. They are now ready to offer it to everyone.

"The fact of the matter is that we are losing precious and creative lives," states Marchant. "We have seen too many fellow artists succumb to AIDS. We all need to channel our energies and money to battling AIDS. It would be wonderful to see men and women alike, wearing this pin as a sign of hope and support."

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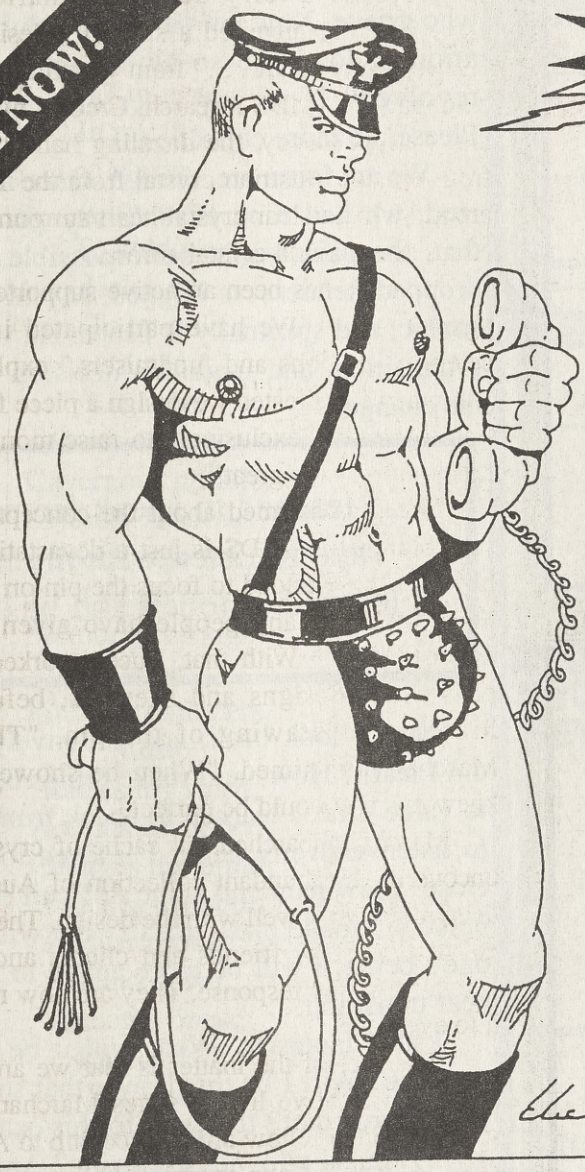

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by Lynda J. Foro

The Grim Reaper crashed my party last month. Lives changed. Death came to one who some say was lucky. A week after diagnosis he was gone. He almost reached his 29th birthday.

Until this time, I ached at a distance for those who grieve. Now I'm part of the club. Was my initiation to lose one so close, around whose life I revolved? If so, my dues are paid for eternity. Please, no more collections.

We are fortunate, though. Once he was hospitalized, we had nine days to say goodbye. Without that, the pain would be impossible. Barriers were dropped, tenderness reigned. My friend was philosophic, and spiritually at peace. He viewed death as a transition, and made his decision not to prolong the change.

> . . . I learned to speak from the heart
> and to listen with my heart.
> I learned to touch and be close . . .

Now I look back, and tentatively ahead. What did I learn? How can I make things better? I learned to value time. I learned to speak from the heart and to listen with my heart. I learned to touch and be close. I saw pain and some difficult decisions made bravely. I made plans to carry out wishes and honor one's being. I will be more active in helping others near transition.

I also fantasize. What will it be like when it's my time? Will I be that brave, that stoic, that beautiful? I pray that's the case, for his example changed my living, so why not my dying? And I believe we will meet again.

If we deal with reality, then we deal with death, which isn't that far away. Would he not have smoked three packs a day for 14 years if he'd known that pneumonia would kill him? The lungs could not recover. Choices, again, and a knowledge of consequences--these make the difference.

Grim Reaper, you hooked a big one this time. But KC will transcend, and the star he was in this life still leads the way. ▼

A POEM FOR TODAY

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by Stefano

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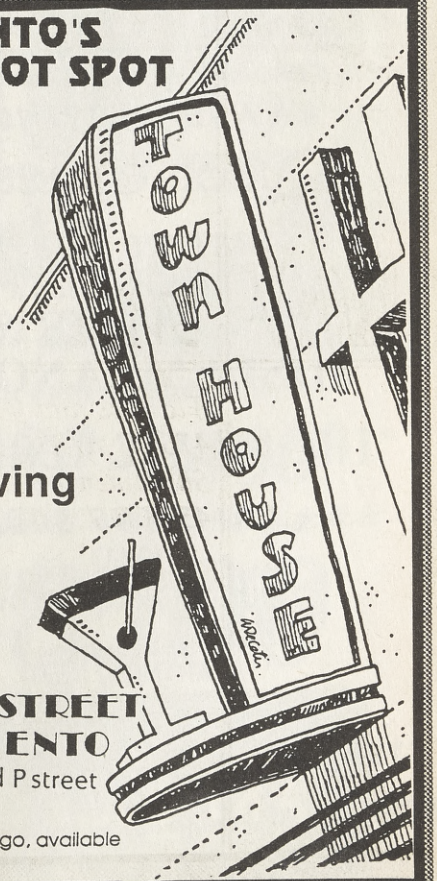

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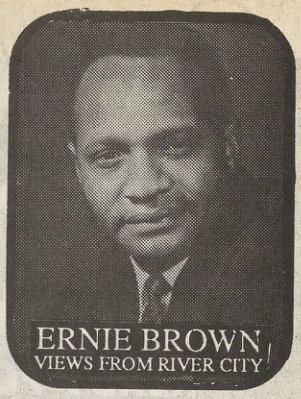

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October 89 will be a month well remembered in the centuries to come, with its earthquakes & delayed World Series. I'm glad to report that quite a number of our community in Sacramento went down to San Fran to volunteer their time and strength . . . A group of men & women have formed a leather club called appropriately enough Sacramento Leather Club. Their goal is to provide leather people and their friends with a social organization similar to those in other major cities across the US. They held their first event last month at the Buffalo Club, raising over $1500; half went to Sacto's Hand to Hand and half to San Fran Earthquake Fund . . . November brings Pillars into a holiday spirit. On Nov. 10 Pillars presents The Rev. Ed Sherriff, District Director for MCC, as guest speaker. Toys and canned good for the MCC Holiday Baskets are requested. 6 PM no-host cocktails, 7:30 PM dinner at the Sierra Inn, $14 per person. Pillars also invite you & your other family (extended) to Thanksgiving Feast, Nov. 24. Call (916) 455-1771 for info . . . LaKish's 6th Annual Thanksgiving Auction for MCC Food Baskets is coming up this month at The Merk. Please check with LaKish at The Merk for time & date . . . Join Faces Thanksgiving Day for free dinner. Also at Faces, coming Nov. 25, Magda. Don't miss her this time. She is hot . . . Our Emperor, Paul, and Empress Stacey, are planning an overnite trip to Reno on Nov. 18. Leave Sat., cum back Sun, $75 per couple. This has always been a fun trip. Get your reservations in early. Check with Paul or Stacey for more details . . . Don't forget, every third Wed. nite in the month, bingo at The Mercantile Saloon . . . The Board of Directors and Reverend Elder Freda Smith recently announced that a new church building has been purchased and the MCC sanctuary will be relocated around the first of the year. The Sacramento Bank Building, located on the corner of Broadway and 3rd Avenue is the new site. The current church building will be maintained as offices, meeting rooms, and other community-oriented facilities. An open house, dedication, and other long-range plans will be released to the public at a later date. ▼

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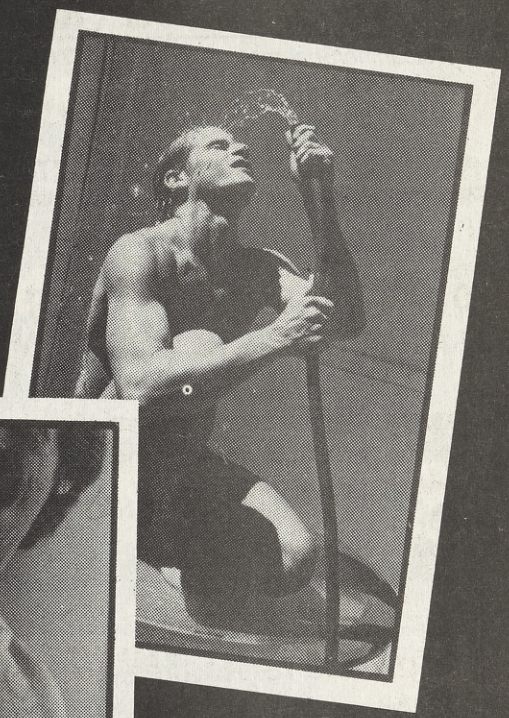

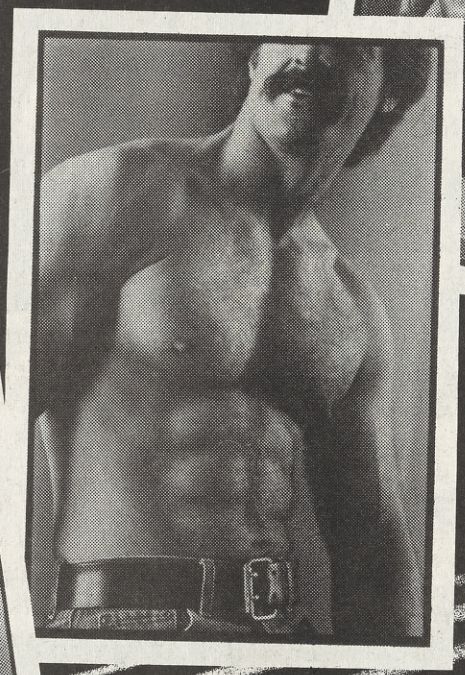

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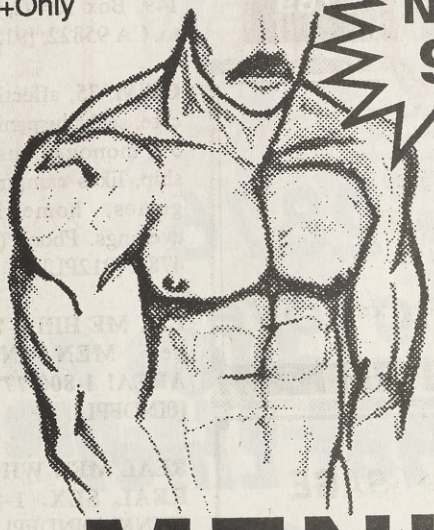

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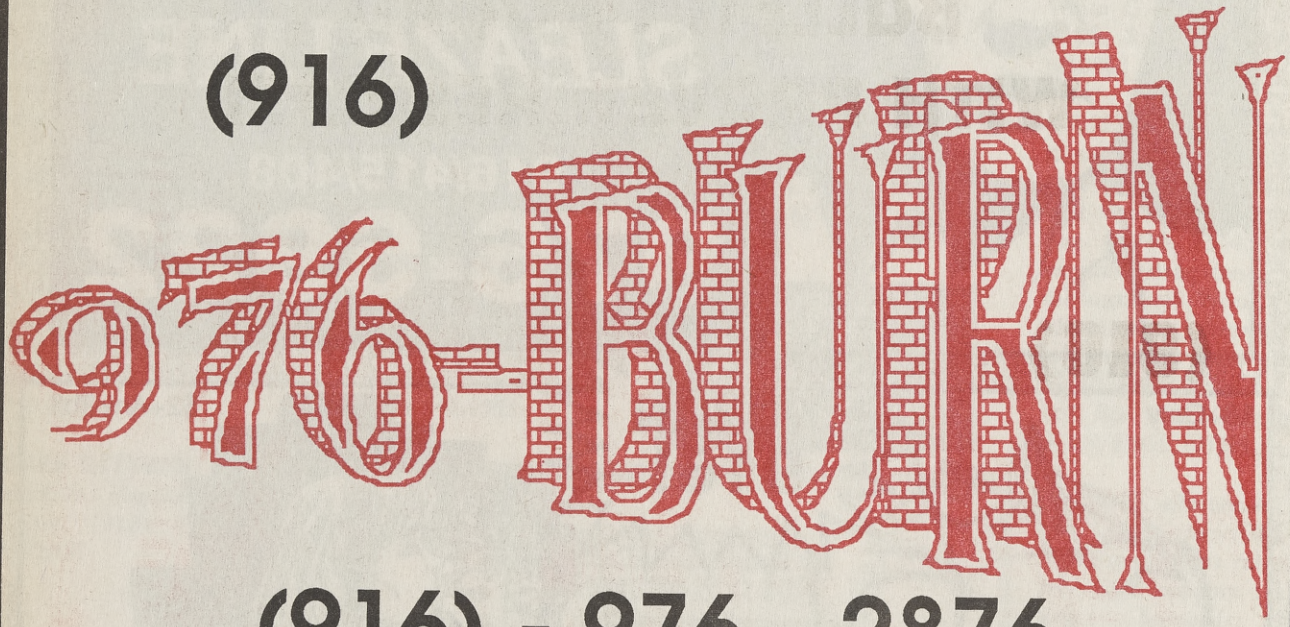

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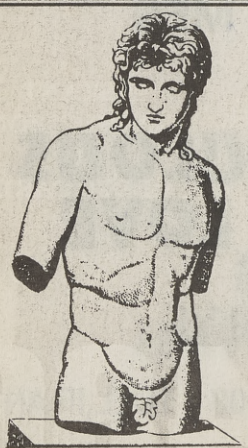
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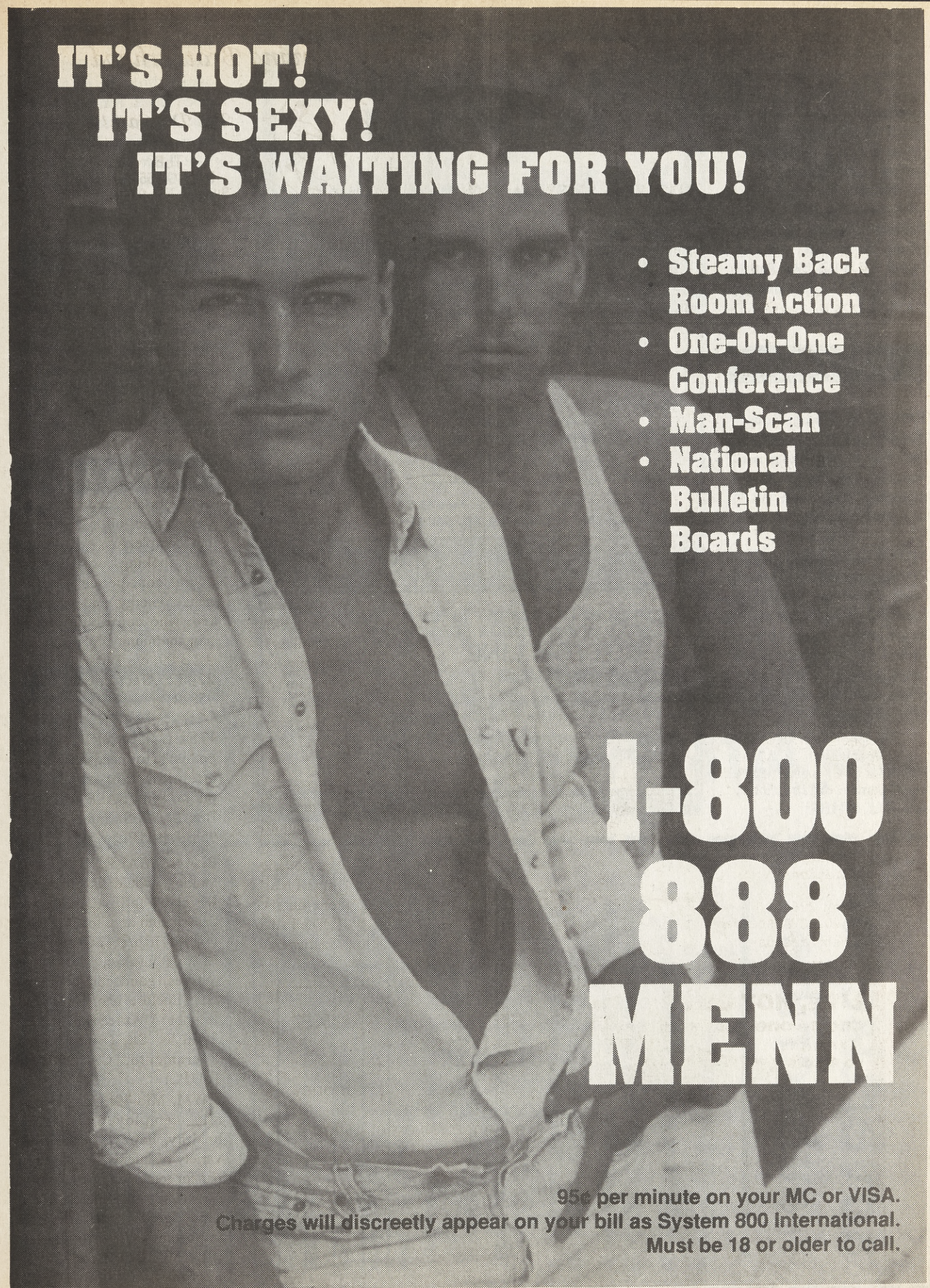
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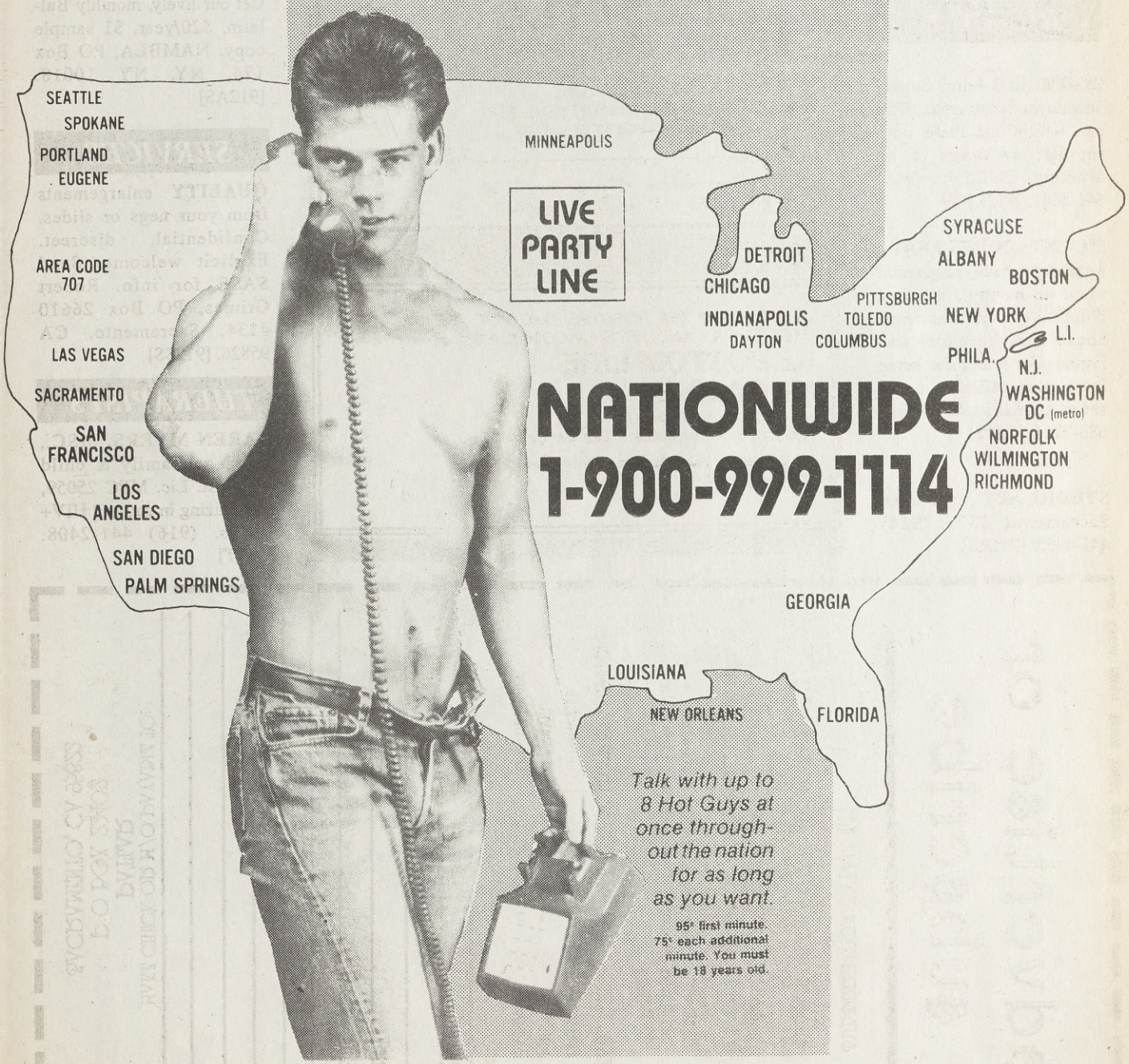

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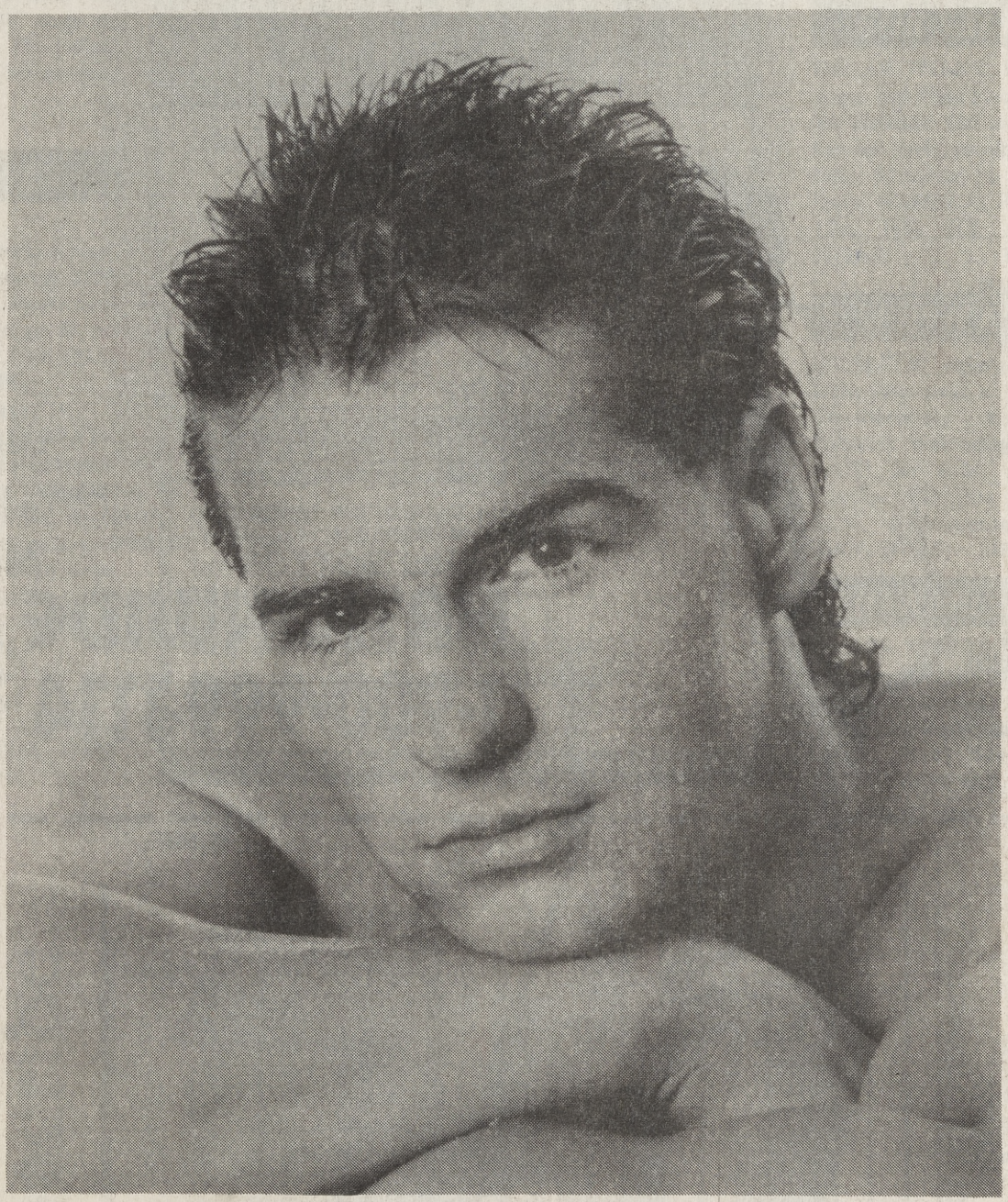

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